Coal-based power plants in Krishnapatnam and Visakhapatnam

*670. SHRI BALBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for wide variations in the project costs of coal-based power plants indicated by the private sector companies from Rs. 3500 crores for a 1000 MW power plant in Krishnapatnam to Rs. 5817.60 crores for a 1000 MW power plant at Visakhapatnam, both located in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether MOUs and the Power Purchase Agreements have been signed in both these projects and if so, the dates thereof.

(c) when were the project reports of these projects received and cleared by CEA; and

(d) what is the cost of the project (Rs. crores|MW) and cost of generation (P|kwh) as per the proejct report of these projects, and as cleared by CEA?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) The project report for setting up a 1000 MW thermal power project at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh by Hinduja National Power Corporation Limited which was received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in March 1995, indicates the estimated cost of the project as Rs. 4797 crores (completion in 1999). No project report has been received in the CEA for setting up a 1000 MW thermal power project at Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh by a private sector company. Therefore, it is not possible to compare the costs at this stage.

(b) The details of the dates on which the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) for Krishnapatnam and Visakhapatnam power projects were signed are as follows:—

	Date of MOU	Date of PPA
(i) Visakhapatnam TPS 2x500MW with M/s Ashok Leyland/National Power U.K.	17-7-1992	9-12-1994
(ii) Krishnapatnam 'A' TPS with M/s GVK Power Ltd. 2x250 MW	Awarded through bidding	23-11-1994
(iii) Krishnapatnam 'B' TPS with M/s Besicorp Brookklyn USA, 2x250 MW.	Do.	24-11-1994

(c) and (d) No project report has been received by the CEA for Krishnapatnam A&B Power projects. Project report for Visakhapatnam TPS by M|s Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd. was received by CEA in March, 1995. As per their report the cost per| MW is Rs. 4.80 crores and cost of generation is Rs. 2.546 per|Kwh in the first year of operation. The project is yet to be cleared by the Central Eletricity Authority.

Non-Performing Advance of Banks and Financial Institutions

*671. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total non-performing advance of Rs. 25,000 and above as on 31st